

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 11, 1896.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section heavy rain or snow to night; Thursday fair; decidedly colder; northerly winds on the coast becoming northwesterly.

PERSONAL.—At the service in Christ Church to-morrow night, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Rev. Dr. Currie, of Baltimore, will deliver the sermon. Dr. Currie is widely known throughout the Episcopal Church as a distinguished scholar and most attractive preacher. Last year he was one of the Reincker lecturers at the Theological Seminary, near here, and his lecture was considered one of the most brilliant efforts ever heard on "The Hill." The service will be held at 7:30 to-morrow night, and all persons are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Thomas Fisher, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Ruth Murray last night very pleasantly entertained a number of her friends at a party given at her home on King street.

Messrs. R. W. Moore and Wm. R. Graham, of Fairfax, were in the city today. Mr. Moore spoke in complimentary terms of the Alexandria police officers who attended the Fairfax County Court during the trial of Pess and Henry.

Rev. Mr. McDougal, who has been appointed pastor of Trinity Church, in this city, will come from the Kansas conference well recommended by Bishop Bowen. He is a young man and has a wife and two children.

Rev. John H. Elliott, D. D., of Washington, will conduct the Lenten services at Grace Church to-night under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A letter received at this office to-day from Annapolis, Md., says: "I find here Mr. George R. Webb, Vice-President and general manager of the Pikesville and Annapolis R. R., of Baltimore, and his private secretary, Mr. John M. Barrett, of Alexandria, who were before the Senate and House of Delegates in the interest of their road and a projected one to Mt. Washington. I also find that Mr. Boswell, of Charles county, Md., who married Miss Chapman, of Alexandria, is private secretary to the adjutant general of Maryland."

Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, formerly of this city but now of Richmond, has been in bad health for some months and is at Clifton Springs, where he is steadily improving.

Captain W. A. Moore of the Southern Railway has been confined to his house in Charlottesville since last Thursday with a bad attack of the grip.

MAIL NOTES.—Special service has been discontinued in Levy, Loudoun county, from Aldie; Lunette, Loudoun county, from Arcota; Mount, Stafford county, from Widewater; Rectory, Stafford county, from Widewater. Station service has been established: Loudoun to Arcota, three and one-half miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed one hour running-time each way; from April 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897. Widewater (by Rectory) to Mount, six miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed two hours running-time each way; from April 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897. Levy to Aldie, three miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed one hour running-time each way; from April 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897.

Mail messenger service has been established at Carlisle, Alexandria county, from Southern Railway Company, route 27 miles, often as required. From March 9, 1896.

THE WEATHER.—The rain which began to fall about half-past seven o'clock last night turned into snow. Some time between midnight and this morning the ground was covered. Rain, however, which began to fall later soon caused it to disappear. The weather has been rainy, raw and dismal to-day, with a northeasterly wind prevailing, with a considerable fall of hail and snow.

Unless all signs fail, this city may look forward to a very respectable blizzard within the next twenty-four hours—a blizzard which may reach here on the same day of the month made memorable by the celebrated blizzard of March 12, 1888.

CHARTER.—Judge Norton granted a charter to-day to the Southern Expanded Metal Company, the objects of which are to buy, own and use patents and inventions for the manufacture of expanded metal and fire proof metal, to erect manufacturing, &c. The capital stock is to be \$25,000 and Mr. J. R. Caton is to be agent in this city. W. C. Lewis, of Washington, is president.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.—Mr. Leonard Marbury, chairman of the Eighth District Democratic Committee, has called a meeting of that committee to be held at his office in this city on Wednesday, the 18th instant, to make arrangements for holding meetings to send delegates to the State convention.

The Primrose Club, which has been organized two years, is now in a flourishing condition. Among the members are Robert Hancock, banjo player; Millard Padgett, guitar player; A. B. Travis, guitar player; Mitchell Hancock, mandolin player; George Pettit, guitar player; Walter Travis, violin player; Henry Hancock, mandolin.

Mac Brown, colored, who is charged with breaking into the residence of Mrs. Forbes, in Warrenton recently, was arrested in Washington yesterday and was this morning brought here by Town Sergeant Shirley, who lodged him in the station house and later took him to Warrenton.

THE DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTE.—A letter from Richmond says: The new board of visitors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution will hold a meeting soon and will elect a principal and teachers for the next session. It is thought that the board will be very closely divided if Captain Doyle submits his application. Senators Mushbach and Stubbs will probably be for Doyle and Mr. Maupin and General Hanley no doubt will advocate the election of a new principal. The other members of the board are Mr. John E. Massey, superintendent of public instruction, Mr. Turk, of Staunton, and Judge Edmundson, of Rockbridge. The fact that nearly one hundred members of the Legislature have endorsed Dr. Franklin Pierce, Isle of Wight, for principal, is taken to mean that they think a change should be made.

CITY COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All but one member of the Board of Aldermen were present at the meeting last night, and only business received from the Common Council was acted on, no being new business introduced.

There was very little debate on any subject except that of the communication of E. F. Price, City Auditor, calling Council's attention to the fact that the city was without any regularly elected or selected Market Master, and the recommendation it carried from the Finance Committee that the Sinking Fund Committee be empowered to appoint such a person to collect rents, etc.

Mr. Haverer said that the Finance Committee thought the Sinking Fund Committee should be empowered to appoint an officer to collect rents, and account to them for the receipts, and act generally under their direction.

Mr. Sweeney said that he thought the Sinking Fund Commissioners should pay the office they employ. He did not see what the financial committee had to do with it. It was a chartered office, and an act of the city Council was the only thing that could create an office. The city is authorized to employ officers and also pays them for their services, and those employed by the sinking fund commissioners should be paid for their services by that committee.

Mr. Balleger said that if the sinking fund commissioners were opposed to paying the officer, there would have to be an ordinance passed creating the office.

The board then concurred in the action of the lower board in endorsing the report of the finance committee.

The board was then notified by Mr. Joseph Beach, from the Common Council, that that body was ready to meet them in joint convention to listen to the address of Mr. M. B. Harlow, president of the Hydraulion Fire Company, on the needs of a new engine house.

After reconvening the board concurred in the action of the lower board in several minor matters, and adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The board was called to order at about 8 o'clock.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting a communication was received from the Mayor requesting Council to adopt some measures by which proper punishment can be meted out to members of the chain gang who refuse to work or run away.

The Mayor calls attention to an act of the General Assembly which empowers the council of any city in the commonwealth to prescribe such corporal punishment as it may deem proper in cases where members of chain gangs refuse to work.

He also suggested to Council the propriety of passing a law compelling physicians to report to the Health Officer all cases of contagious disease in the city and providing for the placarding of houses in which such maladies exist. The communication was referred to the committee on general laws.

Mr. Uhler, from the finance committee, reported that the committee had in their hands bills amounting to \$112 which had been returned by A. F. Cox, formerly Collector of Taxes for the Southern District, with the statement that he could not collect them. Mr. Uhler said Mr. Gorman, the present collector, had attempted to collect these bills, but had found that the parties to whom the bills had been presented held duplicate receipts. The committee had grown tired of carrying the bills, and if Council desired it they would throw them in the stove.

After some debate it was decided that the notes of Mr. Cox be taken for the amount due, and Mr. Beach offered a resolution to that effect which was adopted.

Mr. Uhler also presented a bill of S. G. Brent, Commonwealth's Attorney, \$300, balance due him as counsel in the case of Viotti's administrator vs. the City Council which was recently taken to the Court of Appeals. Mr. Uhler said when the appeal was taken it was estimated that the law expenses would amount to about \$600, and the sum had been appropriated, but that the amount had fallen short; that they had paid Mr. A. W. Armstrong \$250 and Mr. Brent \$200, besides the printing bill, court charges, etc., and had found they had not the necessary wherewithal to pay Mr. Brent \$300 still owing him. The committee had calculated to pay Mr. Brent \$250 and Mr. Armstrong a like amount, leaving \$100 for printing, court charges, etc. They would have to have \$300 additional, however, with which to pay the balance due Mr. Brent.

Mr. Mushbach didn't understand how Mr. Armstrong could represent the city and the administrator of the Viotti estate before the Court of Appeals, or why the city was compelled to pay the fee of the lawyer who was antagonizing it.

Mr. Uhler explained the matter in substance that the city had really carried the appeal to the higher court. The administrator of the Viotti estate would doubtless have submitted to the decision of the lower court. The city, however, desired to have the question of the validity of the 33d section tested and decided once for all; hence it had agreed to bear the expense of the appeal. There were about \$6,000 owing the city for improvements which had been made, and it was deemed advisable to spend \$600 in order to collect the first amount.

Mr. Caton said he didn't understand the position of the committee at the time he voted for the appropriation. From the explanation given, however, he did now. Mr. Armstrong would not have taken the case to the Court of Appeals on his own volition for the reason that the Viotti estate was not able to bear the expense.

Mr. Mushbach thought it was an extraordinary procedure and gave his idea as to how the matter should have been proceeded with in order to make a test case of it.

Mr. Uhler said the committee had acted according to the very programme mapped out by the preceding speaker. Mr. Snowden said it had been understood that which ever way the case was decided in the lower court the city wanted it to go to the Court of Appeals in order that a test case could be made. There was a chance for the city to collect \$6,000 due.

Mr. Mushbach thought Mr. Brent should receive his fee, and on his motion the matter was recommitted to the committee in order that they could have a conference with that gentleman. The finance committee reported in favor of allowing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to employ a suitable person to perform the duties of Market Master, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Burke, from the committee on streets, introduced an ordinance permitting the Southern Railway Company to lay a track from the east side of Lee street up Wythe street to St. Asaph

for the convenience of the Robert Porter Brewing Company.

Mr. Strider said he understood that Dr. Klipstein, who owned a square of ground in the locality through which the road was to pass, was opposed to it. While he desired to do anything reasonable toward accommodating the brewery which spent considerable money in Alexandria, he at the same time was averse to infringing on the rights of others.

Mr. Burke said all the property owners on the street through which the road was to pass had signed the petition except Dr. Klipstein and Mr. J. W. Green. The last named, however, was not opposed to it.

After some further debate the ordinance was passed, Messrs. Strider and Beach voting against it.

At the suggestion of the chair the Board of Aldermen were invited into the chamber for the purpose of listening to a statement from a delegation from the Hydraulion Fire Company in reference to a new house for that company. The Aldermen having entered, Mr. M. B. Harlow, president of the company, in a succinct manner explained to Council the urgent need of a new building for the company, stating among other things that the present quarters were unsuitable by reason of dampness, &c., and that it was a fact that the driver was compelled to sleep in one of the wagons; besides the members were denied the privilege of meeting in the evening for the reason that the building is unsuitable for the purpose. He also rapidly passed over the negotiations which have been going on for the past three years looking to the procuring of a new building, and closed by earnestly urging Council to take immediate steps in the matter.

The joint convention then dissolved, and on motion of Mr. Caton it was resolved that the committee on public property select a suitable site for the proposed new building and report the cost to Council at the next meeting.

An ordinance permitting the Southern Railway Company to extend a double track across the intersection of King and Union streets was referred to the committee on streets.

The building laws, as reported by the committee on streets, were laid over.

[The ordinance is drawn on the same lines as that drafted in the last council by Mr. Kradoff, and which was published at the time. It provides for safety in the construction of buildings.] Mr. Burke called up an ordinance regulating the digging up of streets for the purpose of laying gas, water or sewer pipes, but after some debate he withdrew it and the ordinance was referred to the committee on streets.

The board then adjourned.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A little child of Councilman Fannon is very ill.

Registers have been placed in some of the electric cars.

There will be a regular meeting of Jackson Council, No. 55, Jr. O. U. A. M., to-night.

A large fire was seen at an early hour this morning in the direction of Uniontown, D. C.

In the Corporation Court to-day a decree for sale was entered in the suit of Field vs. Field.

The whistle of a steam launch about 9:45 o'clock last night gave rise to the report that the police were chasing an offender.

The cold weather is still interfering with the fisheries. This morning a small "jag" of fish arrived here from the Gums fishery and were sent north.

The Washington Asphalt Company, yesterday, bid 63 cents per square yard for laying vitrified brick in alleys in the District of Columbia, the lowest offer received by the commissioners.

At a meeting of Marley Encampment Monday night, Mr. W. W. Sherwood was elected representative, and C. W. O'Mera alternate to the Grand Encampment, which convenes in Lynchburg on Tuesday, August 11.

The Alexandria Marble Works has been given the contract for the marble repair work in the customs house building. It is understood that a tile floor is to be laid in the postmaster's office and also in the office of the judge of the U. S. Court.

The stores of the Messrs. McNay at Oxon Hill and of Mr. Jack Ware at Fort Foote were robbed on Monday night, but only such money as was left in the stores was stolen. The thieves gained entrance to the stores by boring through the doors.

Mount Vernon Military Institute, chartered at the last session of the Virginia Legislature, is to be located at Warwick, Mr. Frank Hume's place, in the county. C. H. Schaff has been elected president of the board of trustees and Jos. Atkins, secretary.

A letter was received in this city yesterday announcing the recent death at his home in Washington, Ga., of Dr. Frederick Hunter, son of the late Capt. Thos. T. Hunter, of the Confederate navy. Dr. Hunter had many friends in this city and Fairfax county.

The condition of Mrs. Thomas, who was so badly injured by her husband about two weeks ago, has remained unchanged during the past few days.

Rev. Gaston Payne, of Staunton, preached an interesting sermon before a large congregation at St. Mary's Church last night.

Alexandria Council, Royal Arcanum, at their meeting last night, initiated two members.

WASHINGTON POST BUREAU

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B. E. KNIGHT, Washington Post Bureau.

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FLOUR.—A carload, 125 barrels choice Flour, bought before the advance, for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME DRIED CHERRIES received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

BEST ONE-YARD WIDE COTTON to be found for price, at 5c a yard, at A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11.—The general market was inclined to weakness, although there was no pressure to sell. B. & O. declined 1½ to 16½. The foreign houses were practically without orders. Speculation at 11 a. m. was steady.

BALTIMORE, Mar. 11.—Virginia 3s, new, 73½ asked; do. Century 61½ 61½. [REPLY]

Wholesale Prices in Alexandria

Flour Extra	3 10	3 35
Family	3 75	4 00
Wheat, longberry	0 68	0 75
Putz	0 68	0 74
Mixed	0 62	0 74
Fair and tough	0 65	0 70
Corn, white	0 38	0 40
Yellow	0 38	0 40
Corn Meal	0 38	0 40
Oats	0 40	0 42
Oats, mixed	0 25	0 27
Damp	0 20	0 22
Butter, Virginia	0 12	0 14
Choice Virginia	0 15	0 17
Common to middling	0 11	0 12
Eggs	0 11	0 12
Beef, hind quarters	0 5	0 6
Fore quarters	0 10	0 11
Live Chickens (hens)	0 8	0 9
Spring du	0 9	0 10
Dressed Chickens, per lb.	0 8	0 10
Turkeys, live per lb.	0 10	0 12
Dressed	0 14	0 15
Veal Calves	0 5	0 6
Lard, prime	0 4	0 4 1/2
Hogs, small	0 5	0 5 1/2
Large	0 4	0 5
Potatoes, Va., bush.	0 25	0 30
Sweet Potatoes, bbl.	3 00	3 50
Onions, per bushel	75	90
Apples, bbl.	2 00	2 50
Dried Peaches, peeled	0 7	0 8
Unpeeled	0 3	0 4
Dried Cherries	0 6	0 7
Dried Apples	0 3	0 4
Bacon, country hams	0 10	0 11
Best sugar-cured ham	0 10	0 10 1/2
Butcher's ham	0 10	0 10 1/2
Breakfast Bacon	0 7	0 8
Sugar-cured shoulders	0 6	0 7
Bulk shoulders	0 5	0 6
Dry Salt sides	0 5	0 6
Fat backs	0 5	0 6
Bellies	0 5	0 6
Smoked shoulders	0 6	0 6 1/2
Smoked sides	0 6	0 6 1/2
Lard	0 5	0 6
Smoked Beef	0 10	0 11
Supper Brown	4 04	4 10
Off A	4 72	4 85
Conf. standard A	4 92	5 00
Granulated	5 10	5 16
Coffees—Rio	0 16	0 19
LaGauya	0 18	0 20
Java	0 26	0 28
Molasses B	0 9	0 14
C B	0 17	0 22
New Orleans	0 20	0 45
Porto Rico	0 18	0 28
Sugar Syrup	0 9	0 22
Herring, Eastern per bbl.	4 00	5 50
Potatoes, small	2 45	2 50
Potomac family rice	4 00	4 25
Do. half barrel	2 25	2 50
Potomac Shad	7 00	8 00
Mackerel, small, per bbl.	20 00	21 00
No 3 medium	20 00	21 00
No. 3 large fat	20 00	21 00
No. 2	21 00	22 00
Plaster, ground, per ton	4 00	4 50
Ground in bags	5 00	5 50
Lump	3 00	3 25
Clover Seed	4 75	5 00
Timothy	2 00	2 25
Old process Lined Meal	31 00	32 00
Salt—G. A.	0 65	0 65
Fine	0 90	1 50
Turk's Island	1 25	1 30
Wool—long, unwashed	0 15	0 16
Washed	0 20	0 21
Meringe, unwashed	0 11	0 12
Do. washed	0 20	0 21
Sumac	0 75	0 85
Hay	13 50	15 50
Cut do	17 50	18 00
Wheat Bran per ton	15 00	00 00
Brown Middlings	15 50	16 00
White Middlings	17 50	18 50
Cottonseed Meal	21 00	22 50
Hulls	6 50	7 00
Cotton Seed Mixed Feed	12 00	13 00

The offerings of grain to-day were very light and prices were firm at quotations. Country Produce is in fair inquiry and prices are firm.

BALTIMORE, Mar. 11.—Flour dull and easy. Wheat dull; No 2 red spot 73½ 74½; Mar 73 asked; May 71½ 71½; July 71 ask; do. southern wheat by sample 76½ 77; do on grade 72½ 75. Corn dull; mixed spot and Mar 34½ 34½; April 34½ 34½; May 34½ 34½; July 36 asked; steamer mixed 32½ 33; southern white corn 34½ 35. Oats firmer; No 2 white Western 26½ 27; No 2 mixed do 25½ 26. Rye steady; No 2 44 for nearby, and 46½ 47 for Western. Hay firm; good to choice timothy \$16 00.

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CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—Wheat—May 64½ 64½; July 64½ 64½. Corn—May 30; July 31½; Sept 32½. Oats—May 20½; July 21; Sept 21½ bid. Pork—May \$9 87½; July \$10 05. Lard—May \$10 45 3/4; July \$10 67½ 69. Rice—May \$5 97½; July \$5 37½. Wheat and Corn opened weak.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Mar. 10.—Cattle.—There were hardly enough cattle in the yards to induce buyers to venture out, but the offerings were finally disposed of; sales were at \$3 50-\$4 50 for common to choice native heaves, cows \$2 34, Texas-fed calves \$3 65-\$3 75. Hogs.—The supply continued very light; common to best dressed sold at \$3 65-\$4 20, a few lots going at \$3 85-\$3 90, but the bulk sold at \$4 10-\$4 15, light weights \$3 95-\$4 15, and fancy assorted \$4 20-\$4 25. Sheep.—Prices were steady, there being a good demand; common to choice \$2 75-\$3 75. Westerns selling at \$3 10-\$3 65. Lambs sold at \$3 85-\$4 00.

WASHINGTON CATTLE MARKET, Mar. 10.—At Union stock yards.—Cattle.—Some 131 Cattle were offered and sold as follows: Best 44½ 4c, good 34½ 3c, medium 28½ 3c, common 24½ 3c, per lb. Sheep and Lambs.—Some 170 sheep and lambs were on the market and sold as follows: Lambs sold at 4c, 5c per lb. Sheep sold at 24c per lb. Yearlings 44½ 4c per lb. Cows with calves sold from \$20 to \$45 each. Market fair.

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